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MELLORINE AND OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS  
MADE WITH FATS AND OILS OTHER THAN BUTTERFAT

JUNE 1956

The June production of Mellorine and other frozen desserts made with fats and oils other than butterfat was estimated by the Agricultural Marketing Service at 3,645,000 gallons. This was 2 percent larger than the June output last year, but was only fractionally more than that of June 1954. Compared with a year earlier, sharp gains this June in Alabama, Arkansas and Texas more than offset sharp losses in Illinois and California and a small decrease in Oklahoma. No change was indicated for Missouri and Oregon.

Mellorine production totaled 16,110,000 gallons during the first 6 months of 1956 -- 4 percent more than in that period of 1955 and 8 percent above the January-June output of 1954.

Ice cream production was 5 percent larger in June this year than in June last year. In the first 6 months of 1956, ice cream output was up 7 percent from the same period of 1955. Sherbet production in June was also up 5 percent from a year earlier. In the first half of this year, sherbet output was only 1 percent more than that of the first 6 months last year.

Between May and June, Mellorine production rose 7 percent this year, compared with an advance of 8 percent at this season last year and a jump of 34 percent between these months in 1954. From May to June this year, all important Mellorine-producing states reported sharp gains, except Arkansas and California, where the declines were quite pronounced. Temperatures during June averaged normal or above, generally, in the Mellorine-producing states, except for Oregon, Arkansas, Alabama, northern and eastern portions of California and western Nevada.

Production of Mellorine in June 1955, indicated at 3,575,000 gallons, was 1 percent smaller than that of June 1954. Increases in Alabama, Arkansas, Oregon and Texas were not quite sufficient to offset decreases in Illinois, Missouri and California. Oklahoma's output held steady.

United States Production Of Mellorine And Other Frozen Desserts  
Made With Fats And Oils Other Than Butterfat, Jan. - June 1956, With Comparisons

Month	Enumerated Production			Estimated Production		Change 1955	Change 1956
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	from 1954	from 1955
	Thousand Gallons					Percent	
January .....	312	1,064	1,505	1,640	1,715	+ 9	+ 5
February .....	325	1,162	1,998	1,830	2,005	- 8	+ 10
March .....	428	1,607	2,342	2,560	2,710	+ 9	+ 6
April .....	567	1,767	2,724	2,640	2,640	- 3	0
May .....	1,024	2,201	2,707	3,320	3,395	+ 23	+ 2
June .....	1,411	3,139	3,628	3,575	3,645	- 1	+ 2
SIX MONTH TOTAL	4,067	10,940	14,904	15,565	16,110	+ 4	+ 4

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